

TWO
ORDINANCES
OF THE
Lords and Commons
Assembled in
PARLIAMENT.

The one, giving power to the Committee of the
Militia Of London, and to all Committees, Deputy-
Livetenants, and others whom it doth concerne, to exe-
cute, according to Marshall Law, all Souldiers
that are runne away from their Colours, who
have been Lifted or Imprested for the
service of the Kingdome, under
the Command of Sir
Thomas Fairfax.

The other for Impresting of Souldiers for the service of
the PARLIAMENT.

17. Januarii 1645.

Ordered by the Commons, That this Ordinance be forth-
with printed, and published in all Cities and Townes in
the severall Counties of this Kingdome.

H. Elsing Cler. Parl Dom. Com.

Printed by T.W. for *Edw. Husband*, Printer to the Honour-
able House of Commons, and are to be sold at the
golden Dragon nere Temple-Gate. 1645.

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*An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons assembled
in Parliament, For punishing imprested Souldiers
that runne away from their Colours.*

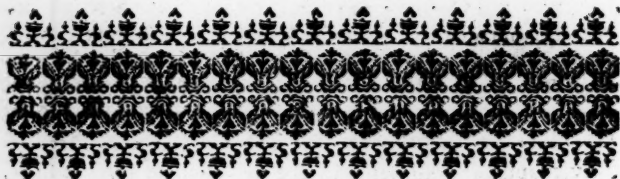


Whereas divers men who have beene lately
leaved and imprested for Souldiers
within the severall Counties of *Essex,*
Kent, Middlesex, Sussex, Surry, Suf-
folke, Norfolk, Hertford, Huntington,
Isle of Ely, Cambridge, Bedford, and
within the Cities of *London, Westminster,*
Norwich, and Canterbury, for the re-
cruiting of the Army under the Command of Sir *Thomas*
Fairfax, after such time as they have received Prest-money,
daily runne away and depart from their Colours to the great
prejudice of the publike Service; and unlesse some timely
course be taken therein, it may encourage others that are ne-
cessary to be imprested for the service of that Army to doe
the like: For the due punishment of such as have, or shall
hereafter runne away being imprested for that Army, It is
Ordained, and be it Ordained by the Lords and Commons
in this present Parliament assembled, That the respective
Committees and Deputy-Lieutenants of the Cities and Coun-
ties by whom and where any persons shall be imprested for
the said Army, or any foure of them, calling to their as-
sistance the Officers of the *Militia* or trained Bands of the
said respective Counties and Cities, whereof none so be un-
der the degree of a Captaine, or so many of such Officers as to-

gether with the said Committees and Deputy-Livetenants or any foure of them, shall make the number of twelve in all, or more, upon complaint made, or notice given unto them or any of them, of any person that having been impressed to serve the Parliament by vertue of, and according to the Ordinance of Parliament in that behalfe made, shall after his being so impressed run away, the said Committees and Deputy Livetenants and Officers aforesaid, or any twelve or more of them respectively, foure whereof shall be either of the said Committees or Deputy-Livetenants, shall have power, and are hereby authorized to meet together in any Market-Towne in some publike place thereof openly, and not in private, to examine, heare, and determine the said Offences within the Cities and Counties respectively whereof they are Committees or Deputy-Livetenants: And upon prooffe of any such Offence by Confession, or two Witnesses upon Oath, to proceed to the Condemnation and Execution of all such person and persons as shall offend as aforesaid, and to inflict upon them such punishment, either by death or by other corporal punishment as the said respective Committees, Deputy-Livetenants, and Officers aforesaid, or the major part of them there present, shall adjudge to appertaine to Justice. And the said respective Committees, Deputy-Livetenants, and Assistants aforesaid, or any twelve or more of them, foure whereof shall be of the number of the Deputy-Livetenants or Committees, are hereby likewise authorized to minister corporall Oathes to all Witnesses, and them to examine upon Oath either before or at the Trials as the cases may require, and the said Committees, and Deputy-Livetenants respectively, or any two or more of them, are hereby enabled to send their Warrants for any Delinquents or Witnesses, the said Witnesses being not Peers of this Realme, nor assistants, nor Officers of the House of Peers, nor Members, nor Officers of the House of Commons, into any place whatsoever, and commit to Prison all such as shall be refractory, or misbehave themselves; and the said respective Committees, Deputy-Livetenants
and

and assistants, are hereby enjoyned to proceed with all diligence in putting this Ordinance in execution, and have hereby power to appoint a Provost-Marshall, and other Officers conducting to the ends and purposes aforesaid. And it is hereby further Ordained, That all Mayors, Bayliffes, Sheriffes, Justices of Peace and other inferiour Officers whatsoever, shall be aiding and assisting to the said Committees, Deputy-Lieutenants, and assistants in the execution of the premises, and that the said Commissioners, Officers, and assistants, and every of them, and all and every other person and persons that shall be ayding and assisting to them in the execution of the premises shall be protected, and for ever saved harmlesse by the authority and power of both Houses of Parliament.

And it is lastly provided, that this present Ordinance, and the authority hereby given, shall indure and have continuance for nine Moneths from the making hereof and no longer.



17. *Die Ianuarii*, 1645.



Or asmuch as the true Protestant Religion, the Lawes and Liberties of the Subjects, and the Parliament are in danger to be subverted, Idolatry, and Tyrany like to be introduced by the Force and power of severall Armies raysed by pretence of the Kings authority, consisting of Papiests and other dangerous and ill affected Persons of this Kingdome, and Irish Rebels and of divers popish souldiers or others of forraigne Kingdomes and Nations, being not under the Kings obedience, for the ruine and destruction of this Kingdome, unlesse the same be prevented by a considerable Power of Forces to be suddenly raysed by both Houses of Parliament, being with Gods blessing and assistance the most probable way to preserve this Kingdome, our Religion and Libertie.

Be it therefore Ordained by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, and by the Authoritie of the same, That the Committee of the *Militia*, for the Citie of *London* within the said Citie, and the Liberties thereof, and the Committee of the *Militia* of *London* by themselves, or their severall sub-Committees respectively within the Lynes of Communication the Deputy-Lieutenants and Committees of Parliament in every Countie, Citie, or Place within this Realme, or any two, or more of them within their severall Limits and Jurisdictions, shall and are hereby Authorized, and are hereby

by required, and enjoyned from time, to time to Rayse, Levy, and Imprest such number of Souldiers, Gunners, and Chirurgions for the defence of the Parliament and Kingdome, as shall be appointed by both Houses of Parliament, by the Members of both Houses, that are of the Committee of both Kingdomes, or any six of them, or by Sir *Thomas Fairfax*, And to command all Constables and other Officers to be ayding and assisting to them in the said service of Impresting; All which Persons so to be Imprested, and every of them shall have such Imprest Money, Coat, and Conduct money, Wages, and entertainment, and other necessary charges, and allowances as shall be fit and convenient, according to the discretion of the Committees, and Deputie-Lieutenants, or any two or more of them respectively; And if any Person or persons shall wilfully refuse so to be Imprested for the said service, that then it shall and may be lawfull to and for the said persons so authorized as aforesaid, to commit them to Prison, untill they shall yeeld obedience to pay the summe of ten pounds to the said Committee or Deputy-Lieutenants, to be employed for the supply of the said service.

Provided alwayes that this Ordinance shall not extend to the Pressing of any Clergy-man, Scholler, or Student in any the Vniversities, Inns of Court, or Chancery, or Houses of Law, or any the Trained bands, in any County, City, or Place, or of any Person Rated in the last Subsidies, granted by Parliament, or the Sonne of any Person Rated at five pounds Goods, or three pounds Lands, in the Subsidie bookes, or of any Person of the rank or degree of an Esquire or upwards, or the sonne of any such Person, or the son of the Widow of any such Person, or to the Pressing of any Person under the age of eighteene, or above the Age of fiftie, or of the Members, or Officers of either House of Parliament, or of the Meniall Servants of the Peeres of the Kingdome, or Members of the House of Commons, or Officers of either of the said Houses, or any of the Assistants or Attendants of the

the Lords House, or any of their Meniall Servants, or any the Inhabitants of the Isle of Wight, or Cinque-Ports, or of any Marriner, Seaman, Shipwright, or any of their Apprentices, Waterman, or Fisherman, or any Officer employed in the Office of Excize, or in the Office of Customes for Tunnage, or Poundage.

Provided, that this Ordinance shall continue and bee in force for the space of six moneths from the Date hereof and no longer.

Provided also, And be it Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That this Ordinance shall not extend unto the Impresting of Jurors, Solicitors, Attorneys, or their Meniall Servants, employed in Law-suits, Witnessees, or Parties having necessary occasions to attend their Suits: But that such Persons upon a Certificate from the Commissioners of the great Seale of England, or the Justices of either Bench, or the Barrons of the Exchequer, or any of them, shall bee discharged and freed.

FINIS.

